Electoral Reforms

1167. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals of electoral reforms like use of electronic voting machines, issuing of identity cards to all voters, delimitation of constituencies, rotation of reserved seats, registration and regulation of political parties are pending consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, by when a decision on these is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision is likely to be taken early.

Production of T.V. Sets

1168. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a spurt in the production of black and white and coloured T.V. sets;

(b) what is the cost of foreign components used in these T.V. sets; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop import of these components for the T.V. sets manufactured in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The growth in physical terms for B&W TV Sets in 1987 has been 48.8 per cent as against 19.5 per cent in 1988 and that of Colour TV (CTV) Sets in 1987 has been 29.4% as against 25% in 1986.

(b) It is estimated that the CIF Value of the imported components accounts for 3 to 5% and 30 to 35% of the average Bill of components/material for B&W and CTV sets respectively.

(c) Progressive indigenisation of the components is already under implementation. Investments by the industry have already been made for the manufacture of critical components. The imports of such components will be regulated depending upon their indigenous availability.

Low Quality of Science Journals

1169. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian science jornals are generally low in quality as per CSIR survey published in 'Indian Express' of 13th July, 1988;

(b) whether results of this survey giving full names and details of these journals have been published;

(c) whether journals belonging to Government organisations including those funded partly or fully from public funds such as ICAR, ICMR, ICSSR etc., also belong to this poor quality and if so, corrective steps proposed; and

(d) whether Government are aware that funds given to some societies by Government are being used to bring out journals to advance the personal interests of powerful members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The statement made in 'the Indian Express' dated 13th July, 1988 are the opinions expressed by individual authors and not that of CSIR.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Regulation of Flow of Water of river Ganga

1170. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the river Ganga is changing its course towards westerly direction at an alarming rate, causing serious threat to Calcutta Port;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been heavy erosion on the right banks to the Ganga and the river Bhagirathi may be merged with the Ganga causing thereby a massive flow of Ganga water into Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में आयोजित की गई लोक अदालतें

1171. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **विधि और न्याय** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में अब तक कुल कितनी बार लोक अदालतें आयोजित की गयी हैं ; और

(ख) इन लोक अदालतों की बैठकों में कुल कितने मामलों को अन्तिम रूप से निपटाया गया ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज): (क) और (ख) विधिक सहायता स्कीम कार्यान्वयन समिति के पास उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार, उत्तर प्रदेश में अब तक 520 लोक अदालतें आयोजित की जा चुकी हैं जिनमें 5,07,872 मामले निपटाए गए हैं ।

इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद

1172. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **विधि और न्याय** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में इस समय न्यायाधीशों के कितने पद रिक्त पड़े हैं और ये पद कब से रिक्त पड़े हैं;

(ख) इन रिक्त पदों को न भरे जाने के क्या कारण हैं , और

(ग) इन पदों पर कब तक नियुक्तियां कर दी जाएँगी ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज): (क) तारीख *1-8-1988* को इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में स्थायी न्यायाधीशों और अपर न्यायाधीशों के स्वीकृत 60 पदों में से 12 पद नीचे दी गई तारीखों से रिक्त पड़े हैं :—

अपर न्यायाधीश	स्थायी न्यायाधीश
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